



Delta Counties Coalition

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"Working together on water and Delta issues"

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Honorable Lois Wolk
State Senator 5th District
State Capitol Room 4032
Sacramento, Ca 95814

RE: Legislative oversight and involvement in decisions related to the Delta and statewide water management

Dear Senator Wolk:

The Delta Counties Coalition (Coalition) is engaged in discussions regarding changes proposed for the Delta and statewide water issues. We would like to express our support for legislative oversight in decisions on these issues. It is important that the Legislature exert its authority toward obtaining parity for the residents of the Delta and in decisions regarding Delta habitat, statewide water management, and the development of new conveyance facilities.

The changes being proposed in and related to the Delta would profoundly impact the Delta's residents. The Coalition urges the Legislature to recognize the importance of making the "Delta as a place" a tri-equal goal along with the Delta ecosystem and a reliable water supply, to ensure a transparent decision making process that includes local elected officials, and to safeguard residents of the Delta as decisions are made.

We appreciate your consideration of these important issues and look forward to working constructively with you on these efforts.

Sincerely,

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